

(c) So far no proposal for setting up of Textile Park under SITP in Madhya Pradesh has been received.

Extension of TUFS

1017. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TUFS is expiring on 31st March, 2007;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the office of the Prime Minister and the Planning Commission are opposing its extension and instead recommending to extend the infrastructure grants to textile companies, as has been done in the case of Integrated Textile Parks;

(c) if so, what is the opinion of the Ministry in this regard;

(d) whether the Finance Ministry has given its decision on TUFS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) to (e) Since the TUFS is expiring on 31st March, 2007, Ministry of Textiles had requested for its extension to the Office of the Prime Minister, Planning Commission and the Finance Ministry. As a result of this, the Hon'ble Finance Minister, in his Budget Speech for the year 2007-08, has announced that the TUFS will be continued during the Eleventh Plan and has also made a provision of Rs. 911 crore for this Scheme during 2007-08.

Textile Parks in Orissa

1018. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to spend Rs. 750 crore on 25 new textile parks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the parks proposed to be developed in Orissa, to improve its economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, 26 projects have been sanctioned. State-wise break-up is — Andhra Pradesh (4), Gujarat (6), Karnataka (1), Maharashtra (6), Rajasthan (2), Tamil Nadu (5), Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal (1). Estimated project cost of these 26 parks (common infrastructure/facilities) is Rs. 2433.80 crore of which Government of India support would be Rs. 869 crore. So far no proposal for setting up of Textile Park in Orissa has been received.

Modernisation of NTC Mills

†1019. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Textiles has formulated a scheme for modernization of 22 mills of National Textiles Corporation;

(b) if so, the names of such mills;

(c) by when the work of modernisation of such mills would be completed; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase stake of public sector mills in the continuously expanding domestic textiles market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) and (b) As per the Modified Rehabilitation Scheme, National Textiles Corporation (NTC) would modernise 22 mills by itself by generating funds from the sale of surplus assets. The names of these mills are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) The modernisation is scheduled to be completed by December, 2007, as per the action plan drawn by the Company.

(d) The Government has taken various steps to increase the stake of public sector mills in the domestic textile market which *inter alia* includes financial sacrifices made by the Government and stakeholder for rehabilitation of large number of sick mills of NTC and the British India Corporation Ltd.

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